



# The Piedmont Honor Band

*AN INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL BAND STUDENTS*



Since 2003, the Piedmont Honor Band (PHB) has provided a high quality musical experience to thousands of band students from dozens of middle schools across the piedmont area. The PHB is an All-County / All-District type program that has opportunities for every band student from beginners up through high school. The appeal of the PHB is that there is NO AUDITION. Students are recommended by their band directors. This is an excellent way for students who are intimidated by auditions or need a little inspiration to get an honor band experience. Having this experience, especially with the younger grades, inspires them to audition for All-County and All-District in the future, makes them better musicians, and gives them confidence in their abilities.

***About the Piedmont Honor Band:***

- ♪ The PHB is the only program of its kind in North Carolina, and one of only a very few programs like it in the country.
- ♪ Any school, public, private or charter is invited to attend.
- ♪ Students are accepted on their band director’s recommendation, so the pressure of an audition is removed, and directors can recommend the students that they feel can benefit the most from this experience.
- ♪ The schedule for the PHB is designed after an All-County schedule. There is a Thursday afternoon rehearsal, followed by an intensive all day rehearsal on Friday with a concert that evening. The experience gives students a realistic preview of other honor bands that they can audition for in the future.
- ♪ Not all students who are nominated will make it, but most will. We try to take as many as possible, but having balanced instrumentation keeps us from taking everyone.

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Last year, the PHB was a huge success, and we would like to keep that up this year. This year’s event will be on **Thursday and Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Glenn High School in Kernersville.** **Your band director will have additional information for you about transportation back and forth for the students accepted.** If you are interested in knowing more about the PHB, please visit my website at <http://seannelson.homestead.com/>

If you would like your band director to nominate you, please fill out the bottom part of this letter and return it to your band director by \_\_\_\_\_. All registrations **MUST** be done by your band director. If you have any questions, you can email me directly at [nelsons@davie.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelsons@davie.k12.nc.us) or ask your band director.

Sean Nelson  
 Founder and Clinic Chairperson  
 Band Director, North Davie Middle School



I would like you to nominate me for the Piedmont Honor Band!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

- 1) Nominating your child comes with a commitment to them being there if they are chosen. Please check your family schedules to see if your child is available to May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> before giving this form to your band director.
- 2) If your child is accepted, there is a \$25 fee for being in the band. This fee includes a T-Shirt, lunch on Friday and a meal on Friday before the concert.

Parent Signature

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